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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRIOT INTEREST IN AVIATION INVOLVEMENT WITH USSR

1. FROM SEVERAL OF HIS SOURCES WITHIN GOC, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR MANFREDI TELLS ME HE DETECTS A LIVELY GREEK CYPRIOT INTEREST IN INVOLVING THE USSR IN SOME WAY OR OTHER IN THE CIVIL AVIATION PICTURE IN CYPRUS. HIS INFORMANTS HAVE SPOKEN OF AN AVIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CYPRUS AIRWAYS AND AEROFLOT, OF SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN RECONSTRUCTION OF LARNACA AIRPORT, AND EVEN OF A POSSIBLE INVITATION TO USSR TO JOIN A CONSORTIUM OF MAJOR POWERS TO SUPERVISE OPERATION OF REOPENED NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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2. GREEK CYPRIOT REASONING, ACCORDING TO MANFREDI, DERIVES FROM

PROFOUND FEAR THAT TURKEY MAY NOW OR IN FUTURE CONTEMPLATE
FURTHER MILITARY MOVES ON CYPRUS. TURKEY'S NATO ALLIES, IT IS
FELT FROM THIS SUMMER'S EXPERIENCE, ARE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO
ACT DECISIVELY AGAINST TURKEY. A SOVIET PRESENCE, IT IS
BELIEVED, IS BEST INSURANCE GREEK CYPRIOTS CAN BUY AGAINST
SOME FUTURE TURKISH MOVE.
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